

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Larry Hudkins
Linda Steinman

Others Present: Norm Avena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, March 6, 2001. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated March 6, 2001. Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 119 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Hudkins abstained. Motion carried.

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Cedar Youth Services
Centerpointe Inc.
Sheridan Child Development Center
Tabitha Inc.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Section 42 Partners LTD I.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Section 42 Partners LTD I. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Gordon and Theresa Sawyer

Norm Agena, County Assessor, explained that a mobile home was moved into a court in 1999 and recommended setting the value at \$32,159.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the valuation change for Gordon and Theresa Sawyer, to \$32,159. Hudkins, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **REMOVAL OF TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR 2001:**

Wyuka Cemetery (2 exemptions)

The Clerk stated that Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated the attorney for Wyuka Cemetery had requested the item be deferred to Tuesday, April 10, 2001.

Eagan stated the attorney, Keith Benit, lives in New Orleans, Louisiana and had requested the continuance. He added that no objections to the continuance were expressed by the County Assessor or the County Attorney. Eagan submitted into the record a copy of a letter from Mr. Benit regarding the continuance (Exhibit A).

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to reschedule the removal of tax exemptions for 2001 for Wyuka Cemetery (2 exemptions) to Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building. Steinman, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned.

Bruce Medcalf
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- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. An agreement with M J Martin, Inc. for consulting services to assist with the planning and implementation of services at the Lancaster County Assessment Center, beginning January 23, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001. The County will pay \$50 an hour up to 400 hours. (C-01-100)

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Gus Hitz, Assessment Center Director for Families First and Foremost, appeared and thanked the County Board for their letter supporting Legislative Bill (LB) 792. He indicated that the bill remains alive and has a chance of getting out of Committee. Hitz stated he visited with one of Senator Jensen's aides who indicated they are reviewing how the money may be distributed. Hitz said that in terms of the breakdown of money, the Assessment Center is not out of the picture yet.

B. An agreement with Gable Consulting to provide consulting services for records management software selection. The County will pay up to \$30,000 for the services as provided in Exhibit "A". (C-01-107)

David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested the agreement be held until he places it back on the County Board's agenda.

C. Termination and notice with regard to an agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America on behalf of Lancaster Manor. (M-01-26)

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. Hudkins, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

D. A resolution in the matter of relaxing design standards on Rokeby Road between South 56th Street and South 70th Street. This will reduce the vertical curve design criteria from 50 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour for the vertical curve; Project C55-P-427(1). (R-01-13)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 01-13. Steinman, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid for grading construction to Hartmann Construction Company, in the total amount of \$453,747.06. Grading construction will be at the following locations:

- ▶ North 70th Street
- ▶ Pioneers Boulevard
- ▶ East Fletcher Avenue

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, stated they are splitting the projects on their grading contracts this year. He stated the number of work days remains the same on the projects, but it forces the contractor to have enough equipment to perform two jobs simultaneously. If the contractor doesn't have sufficient equipment the project(s) would be awarded separately. Thomas stated Hartmann Construction submitted a list of their equipment and operators showing that he can do two projects simultaneously.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent, Corrections, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) and the Juvenile Detention Center to award a request for proposal (RFP) for pharmacy services to PharMerica. The award is for a three year contract with an option to renew for one additional three year term with mutual consent. Pricing for prescription and non-prescription items will be billed in compliance with the State of Nebraska, Department of Public Welfare's published fee schedule, direct to Medicaid or other insurance providers for CMHC and the Juvenile Detention Center. Corrections will be billed direct for all charges for their program. (B-01-12)

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Campbell, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

G. Cancellation of an award of bid off a State of Nebraska contract (#CA5511A) to Lincoln Dodge for five, 2001 Dodge Ram pickup trucks, in the total amount of \$97,898.75. The award of a new bid will be off of a State of Nebraska secondary contract for five, 2001 GMC Sierra 1500 SL pickup trucks to Husker Pontiac GMC, in the total amount of \$102,825. This includes one equipment and engine service repair manual. (The previous award to Lincoln Dodge was approved on November 21, 2000.) (B-01-11)

Don Thomas, County Engineer, explained that the front end suspension was not heavy enough to support snow plows on the Dodge pickups and that the dealer indicated they would take the pickups back. He added that the GMC pickup trucks will support the snow plows.

Workman thanked Lincoln Dodge for taking the pickups back.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**H. A disbursement from the Lancaster County Leasing Corporation
Renewal and Replacement Fund to the following for Lancaster Manor:
(M-01-23)**

- ▶ Redline Medical Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$3,120, for 48 overbed tables
- ▶ McMaster-Carr Supply Company, in the amount of \$171.64, for 50 corner guards
- ▶ B.G. Petersen Company, in the amount of \$749.24, for a fan coil unit
- ▶ Aladdin Temp-Rite L.L.C., in the amount of \$2,376, for 108 trays for food carts
- ▶ A.A. Leupold & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$24,000, for interior wall covering
- ▶ Kmart Super Centers, in the amount of \$117.99, for a zoom camera for the Activities Department

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Steinman, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

I. Request from Gary E. Lacey, Lancaster County Attorney, to set the salary for Tim Curtis at \$43,000, effective March 15, 2001.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval. Workman, Campbell, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

J. Accept the bid from Capitol Heating, in the amount of \$2,074, to replace the furnace at the Community Mental Health Facility, 3830 Adams Street, to be funded from the Building Fund. (B-01-13)

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Director, requested the item be placed on the agenda because it is not reflected in the budget. He further stated that it was of an emergency nature since the possibility of cold weather still exists.

Hudkins asked if it was opened for informal bids or if it was on the pre-bidders list.

Eagan stated it was on the pre-bidders list.

3) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 4) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

1. County Clerk's Monthly Report for February, 2001.
2. Lancaster Manor's Monthly Report.
3. Records & Information Management's Monthly Report for February, 2001.

B. Renewal of a service agreement between Standard Register and the County Assessor's Office for one electric signing machine, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001, in the amount of \$180. (C-01-105)

C. Request from Kathlyn Coffey, an employee with the Lancaster County Extension Office, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan. (M-01-24)

D. Request from Keith R. Fulcher, an employee with County-City Property Management, to voluntarily participate in the Lancaster County Retirement Plan. (M-01-25)

E. Right-of-way contracts relating to road improvements between the Lancaster County Engineer and the following:

- ▶ Roger L. and Jeanette Ann Maas, in the total amount of \$3,380, on West Denton Road; Project C55-N-404(1). (3 contracts) (C-01-101 through C-01-103)
- ▶ Loyd L. Tiedeman, in the amount of \$700, at Bridge X-132 located at approximately 38th Street and Panama Road; Project 02-01. (C-01-104)
- ▶ Robert E. Jr. and Peggy A. Hansen, in the amount of \$675, for Bridge X-132 located at approximately 38th Street and Panama Road; Project 02-01. (C-01-106)

4) **CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:**

David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested that Consent Item 4B be held for review of language contained in the agreement. He added he would place the agreement back on the County Board's agenda after review.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the Consent Items, with the exception of Consent Item 4B which was held until the County Attorney's Office places it back on the agenda. Campbell, Heier, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk